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1. THE NEW VOLTAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET HELD ITS FIRST COUNCIL MINISTERS MEETING BUT LOUD GRUMBLINGS ARE ALREADY BEING HEARD, PARTICULARLY FROM THE TRADE UNIONS AND FROM THE UDA-RDA, THE FORMER DOMINANT POLITICAL PARTY.

2. THE NEW MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR ZOUMANA TRAORE, WHO REPRESENTS THE LARGEST TRADE UNION, IS BEING ACCUSED OF TREASON BY THE OTHER THREE LABOR LEADERS. AT A MASS MEETING OF TRADE UNION MEMBERS ON FEB 11, SEVERAL SPEAKERS ASKED FOR TRAORE'S RESIGNATION.. WHILE THE MEETING WAS INCONCLUSIVE IN TERMS OF FURTHER ACTION AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT, THE MESSAGE CONVEYED TO UNION MEMBERS WAS THAT "THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES".

3. MEANWHILE, SIX FORMER LEADERS OF THE UDV-RDA, THE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH CONTROLLED A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS IN THE LAST NATIONAL

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ASSEMBLY, HAVE SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA IN

WHICH THEY TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE FACT THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT
CONTAINS A LARGE NUMBER OF FORMER MLN (MOUVEMENT DE
LIBERATION NATIONAL) MEMBDRS AND VERY FEW
FORMER UDV-RDA MEMBERS. THEY NOTE THAT WHILE
ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE STILL BANNED, THE MLN HAS BEEN VERY
ACTIVE LATELY AND APPEARS TO ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
HIMSELF EVEN THOUGH IT CANNOT CLAIM TO REPRESENT MORE THAN
9 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.
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